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I would like to make some comments regarding the harassment Microsoft has to endure due to the fact a few competitors have not been able to compete. Our country is great because of free enterprise and competition in the market place. Microsoft, in my opinion, has never hurt the consumer!!! only helped the industry as a whole. I can not believe that because they (Microsoft) can produce better products than there competitors that this is against the law. Maybe if the others spent more time working hard in development and marketing instead of attacking their competitors they would far better in the market place. I too have many competitors to contend with. However I never take them to court about how they beat me out on this job or that. I just think that if our government condones these types of cases buy awarding settlements, let alone letting these types of case even get this far is very sad. Too many attorneys needing work that is why everyone is suing everyone these days. So sad

Respectfully, Ron Towers